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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Dear Ms. Kroack:

It was my pleasure meeting with you and your staff on May 20, 2009, in Pontiac, Illinois, for our annual air program planning meeting. We appreciate the opportunity to hold this productive discussion, and your sustained commitment to environmental progress toward accomplishing our environmental goals. Overall, I am pleased with the direction of your air program and look forward to continued work in support of our air joint priority for the 2009-2011 Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement (EnPPA); The Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative. We commend you and your staff on your excellent work on this priority. You are Regional leaders in support of this initiative and provide an excellent example for other states to follow.

The issues that were discussed during this end-point progress check-in on the Air Program portion of the 2007-2009 EnPPA reflect the continued environmental progress in air pollution control being made in Illinois. Also, we are planning a joint senior management meeting on August 5, 2009, to develop the next EnPPA that begins October 1, 2009, and we encourage you to consider what air program elements and priorities will be incorporated into the next agreement. The enclosed summary identifies action items from the meeting.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on our current joint priority and in support of the ongoing progress of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's air pollution control program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Newton
Director
Air and Radiation Division

Enclosure

**Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
and
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Annual Air Program/Environmental Performance Partnership Discussion

May 20, 2009

On May 20, 2009, staff from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division (ARD) met to discuss progress on air pollution activities committed to in the Performance Partnership Agreement (EnPPA) of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009 and the air components that will be incorporated into the new EnPPA starting on October 1, 2009.

Action Items by IEPA and EPA

IEPA and EPA Air Program Directors will continue to remain in close contact to ensure good communication is maintained and both parties are apprised of important air program issues in a timely fashion. A senior management meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2009, to develop the next EnPPA, IEPA should be developing its air priorities for the meeting. Schools have been considered for a joint priority.

Contacts: Cheryl Newton, EPA; and Laurel Kroack, IEPA

Time Frame: On-going

Climate Change - Both IEPA and EPA are tracking and taking appropriate measures on national, regional and local actions on climate change. Both agencies have committed to keep communication, and an open exchange of information between the agencies, as a top priority.

Follow-up: EPA will continue to have quarterly conference calls involving the Region 5 states that provide updates and information on current climate change issues to allow an open exchange of information. IEPA will continue to actively participate in these calls.

Contacts: Carl Nash EPA; Jim Ross, and Rob Kaleel, IEPA

Time Frame: On-going

MACT Delegation for Area Sources/MACT Reviews - IEPA has delegated authority for implementation of these regulations. IEPA will continue to provide outreach, education, and other assistance to affected sources primarily through the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. IEPA will continue to implement these regulations to the best of its ability as resources and funding allow. IEPA recently sent a letter of support regarding the Region 5 Environmental Results Program which is designed to support the initial phases of implementing the Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating area source National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs).

Contacts: Rae Trine, Carl Nash, EPA; Rob Kaleel, IEPA

Time Frame: On-going

NATA (National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment) - The newest NATA, based on 2002 data, should be released in June. This assessment offers modeled concentrations, exposure, and

Time Frame: NOx, RACT regulations are scheduled to be adopted by mid- September 2009

Attainment Demonstrations - PM2.5 attainment demonstration for Chicago will be submitted shortly. Also, the attainment demonstration for the Granite City/East St. Louis area is close. Headquarters is looking for the infrastructure State Implementation Plan (SIP) elements submissions to be more detailed. Iowa's submissions were approved and Illinois' was modeled after Iowa. EPA will work with IEPA on development of Clean Air Markets. The Wisconsin/Kenosha ozone nonattainment area has been split into two areas because of up wind monitoring.

Contacts: John Mooney, EPA; and Rob Kaleel, IEPA

Time Frame: On-going

Compliance - The Compliance and Enforcement monthly conference calls to include State lead cases on the High Priority Violations (HPVs) report. In addition, tracking, addressing, resolving and reporting of HPVs will also be discussed.

Contacts: Brent Marable, EPA, Rochelle Marceillars, EPA; Ray Pilapil, IEPA, and David Bloomberg, IEPA

Time Frame: July 2009

Compliance - Upcoming Round 2 State Review Framework of IEPA's Compliance and Enforcement program activities conducted in FY 2008.

Contacts: Brent Marable, EPA and Ray Pilapil, IEPA

Time Frame: June 16, 2009 through June 18, 2009

Grants - EPA recommended IEPA consider developing a two year budget for the next grant award. The PPG is an effective mechanism for using two year budgets. There is no larger burden to the State to use a two year budget. EPA is concerned about the historically large amount of unobligated dollars returned by Cook County. IEPA will review its recommended funding split with Cook County to ensure Federal funds are allocated efficiently in Illinois. EPA has provided IEPA with a recent break down of Cook County's balance. IEPA will bring the issue up at its June meeting with Cook County.

Contacts: Richard Cox, Diane Nelson; EPA; Mike Biggs, and Vicky Von Laken, IEPA

Time Frame: Status of Cook County unobligated funds provided. Resolution and decisions on grant issues by August 2009.

Action Items By IEPA

IEPA will develop air program portion of draft EnPPA based on negotiations with EPA at the August 5, 2009, senior management meeting.

Contacts: Laurel Kroack, IEPA

Time Frame: August 2009

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